

representative character in the make-up of a minister. This is too obvious to need discussion. Of course, the rabbi is the religious leader and spokesman of the synagogue. Nor should they overlook the fact that he must possess the social sense, the readiness to meet people and inspire confidence in them. For the rabbi of today is not the closet-philosopher, nor the secluded scholar, nor yet the saint able to hold himself aloof. Rather is he the inspirer, the exhorter, the friend and confidant of his people, rubbing elbows with all and mingling freely among all. Such qualifications are no less important than oratory in the religious leader.

Why, then, should not a congregation when choosing a rabbi pay some heed to scholarship, character, religiosity, pedagogic ability, leadership and sociability,—all of them prime requisites of the ministry? Every one of

them seems to be an inseparable part of the rabbinical profession. Nor would the argument be sound that of all rabbinical requirements oratory alone may not be taken for granted. Of course, it is true that the rabbi who graduated from recognized academic institutions probably possesses the required scholarship and the knowledge of religious pedagogy. But are we so sure that he is always qualified in the other essentials that are not teachable but native traits? Have we the right always to take them for granted? Why, then, such stress on oratory alone?

If at least the orator-rabbi, more than any other rabbinical type, were a success in the full sense of the word; if by his eloquence he succeeded in becoming a genuine influence in the life of his congregants, both the old and the young, then we might excuse the average layman's one-sided appraisal of the rabbi as

an orator. But if the truth were told, is even the eloquent minister listened to? Is he more than other rabbis truly and genuinely building up Jewish life in his midst, and bringing into actual existence the life of his people? Are great numbers of Jews always flocking to his sanctuary to be inspired by his flaming word? Actual experience, alas, does not seem to bear out this contention.

After due allowances are made for the need of a pleasing delivery, the fact remains that it is but sheer shallowness of outlook, colorless mentality, and vapid sentimentality in our commonplace lives that looks to the effervescence of words, their tone and timbre, to carry us along in our religious aimlessness. Surface appearances suffice to satisfy us in our Philistine pleasures even at the altar of God. Not the heart of the matter interests us, but the polished surface; not the solid facts of character and

learning, but the smooth exterior. What matters it whether or not the rabbi be endowed with religious fervor to speak from the heart; what concern of ours is it whether or not he could inspire the youth and inculcate Judaism in their budding spirits so as to insure the continuity of our faith; and of what importance to us is it whether he be a real leader and worthy spokesman, amiable and pleasing in manner, in order to win the response of those he ministers to. So long as we may be regaled on fine phrases and a pleasing poise, we shall be contented to know that our "doctor" is an orator second to none, able to entertain us in person whenever we are so inclined, or the empty presence of our pews when more often in the mood of staying away.

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